

REMARKS

A Notice of Allowability issued on December 29, 2006.

In the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, the Examiner noted that the Declaration identifies, but does not claim priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082, which was filed on October 4, 2002. However, the Declaration conflicted with the preliminary amendment filed on September 26, 2003. The preliminary amendment claimed priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082.

Applicants submit that the preliminary amendment filed on September 26, 2003 correctly claimed priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082. The Declaration mistakenly identified, but did not claim priority to Japanese Application No. P2002-292082.

Therefore, a new Declaration will be filed separately herefrom prior to payment of the issue fee.

Earlier today, on March 26, 2007, Applicants filed an Amendment "E" under 37 C.F.R. §1.312. In Amendment "E", Applicants amended the specification to cancel a claim to priority to Japanese patent application no. P2002-292082. The cancellation of the claim to priority was made in error.

This Amendment "F" reaffirms the claim to priority to Japanese patent application no. P2002-292082. Further, this Amendment "F" amends the specification to reintroduce the claim to priority to and incorporation by reference of Japanese patent application no. P2002-292082. A new Declaration will be filed separately herefrom prior to payment of the issue fee.

No new matter is added hereby.

This amendment is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability dated December 29, 2006, and prior to payment of the issue fee.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Respectfully submitted,

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